**Was there a particular way of knowing that was most important in the decision about whether data was the property of Starfleet? If so or if not, tell us why and how?**

Yes they were ways of knowing, through the way Commander Riker made use of sense perception in the trial, the action carried out by Captain Picard and the emotion itself that we got from Data in the movie. These all clearly showed how important Data was for the Starfleet and that whether he had the right to stay as an android or not.

The first way that showed whether Data was the property of Starfleet or not, was when Commander Riker made use of sense perception in the trial. He did this by removing Data’s left arm, and pointing out the technology that was used to keep the hand in use for Data and how it was compared to us humans. The differences that showed Data was different compared to us humans, were clearly proved by removing the hand, and showed the connections of wires and skilled full technology that allowed Data to move his arm in the same way as us humans. Also that, Data was hardware built and not with veins and cells, like us humans. Data’s android included a higher amount of memory capacity, that us humans are nowhere close to having, and a very fast processing speed. Therefore, this was allowing Data to store memory, that’s impossible for humans to store a vast amount. And the processing speed allowed Data to take out information much faster and accurately than us humans.

The second way that showed whether Data was the property of Starfleet or not, was when the action carried out by Captain Picard, which was the bending of the metal. This was done, in order to prove that Data was one of the metal types and not a type that deserves to stay in the Starfleet. Also that, he can easily be bent and broken down and not easily replaced. This clearly proves that Data isn’t a suitable property for the Starfleet.

The third second way that showed whether Data was the property of Starfleet or not, was by Data’s emotion in the movie. He had an attitude of resigning from the Starfleet, in order to get away from getting himself destroyed or even taken away. Even by his compassion through his set of medals, clearly showed us that he was well skilled and a more advanced player for the Starfleet. His secret girlfriend can also prove Data, that he had many communications through technology rather than mankind. Therefore, Data was well advanced in communication and achievement.

In conclusion, Data was clearly proven by the bending of the metal, a hopeless android, as he can also be broken down. Also by his processing speed and data capacity, that he can be much quicker and accurate in giving information out. And by his emotions, showed us that he can easily get away from getting himself damaged.